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FOLLOWING REPEAT HAVANA 1353 ACTION SECSTATE INFO KINSHASA
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SUBJECT: CUBANS ISSUE OFFICIAL PUBLIC DENIAL OF SHABA INVOLVEMENT

1. JUVENTUD REBELDE, MAY 21, CARRIES OFFICIAL DECLARATION BY CUBAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (MEXREX) DENYING CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN
SHABA EVENTS. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT OF DECLARATION
FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE DURING RECENT DAYS, NEWS AGENCIES HAVE CARRIED
INFORMATION ON COMBAT AND DISTURBANCES IN THE ZAIRE PROVINCE OF
SHABA. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THE ZAIRE AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE
ACCUSATIONS AGAINST CUBA, TRYING TO IMPLICATE OUR COUNTRY IN THESE
EVENTS.

3. SIMILAR IMPUTATIONS WERE MADE BY MR. MOBUTU'S REGIME ABOUT ONE
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YEAR AGO WHEN IT DECIDED UNILATERALLY TO SUSPEND RELATIONS BETWEEN
ZAIRE AND CUBA. THEN, AS NOW, THESE ALLEGATIONS DO NOT CONTAIN EVEN
AN IOTA OF TRUTH. THEN, AS NOW, THE ASSERTIONS OF MR. MOBUTU, ONE
OF THE MOST REACTIONARY, PRO-IMPERIALIST, BLOODY, AND CORRUPT RULERS
OF AFRICA, WERE AIMED AT SERVING THE INTERESTS OF THE OLD COLONIAL
POWERS AND WERE SEEKING TO HELP THE ZAIRE REGIME FACE THE SERIOUS
INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES FOR WHICH ONLY HE (MOBUTU) IS RESPONSIBLE.

4. AS WAS MADE CLEAR BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA THE TIME BEFORE AND WHICH WAS CONFIRMED BY ALL INFORMATION ON WHAT THEN OCCURRED IN SHABA, CUBA REITERATES THAT OUR COUNTRY HAS NO LINK OF ANY KIND WITH THE FORCES THAT COMBAT IN SHABA AGAINST THE MOBUTU REGIME. THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA EMPHATICALLY REITERATES THAT THERE DO NOT EXIST AND HAVE NOT EXISTED RELATIONS OF MILITARY COLLABORATION BETWEEN CUBA AND THESE FORCES, THAT CUBA HAS NOT SUPPLIED THEM WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT NOR HAS IT TRAINED THEM, NOR HAS IT HAD ANY PARTICIPATION IN THEIR ACTIONS, AND THAT THERE ARE NO PRESENCE OF ANY KIND IN ZAIRE OF CUBAN SPECIALISTS OR COMBATANTS.

4. BY FORMULATING THESE ENTIRELY FALSE AND TOTALLY BASELESS ACCUSATIONS, MR. MOBUTU TRIES TO CONFUSE PUBLIC OPINION AND DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS FO ZAIRE.

5. ALL OF THIS IS DONE, FURTHERMORE, IN ORDER TO TRY TO JUSTIFY THE SHAMELESS INTERVENTION THAT THE NATO POWERS ARE CARRYING OUT IN ABSOLUTELY INTERNAL MATTERS OF ZAIRE AND CONSTITUTE, CONSEQUENTLY, A THREAT FOR ALL PEOPLES OF AFRICA INTERESTED IN THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, AND RACISM FROM THIS CONTINENT AND IN THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THE LYING AND IRRESPONSIBLE IMPUTATIONS OF THE ZAIRE REGIME. ON THIS OPPORTUNITY, AS HAPPENED LAST YEAR, THE FACTS WILL DEMONSTRATE TO EVERYONE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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VALUE THAT CAN BE GIVEN TO MR. MOBUTU'S AFFIRMATIONS. END QUOTE. GLASSMAN. UNQUOTE VANCE

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